

# Ntcham language

**Ntcham**, or **Basari**, is a language of the Gurma people in Togo and Ghana. **Akaselem** (Tchamba) is frequently listed as a separate language.

## Writing System

Ntcham	
<i>Basari</i>	
<b>Native to</b>	Togo, Ghana
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Gurma
<b>Native speakers</b>	280,000 (2004–2012) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	<div>Niger–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Atlantic–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gur<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Northern<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Oti–Volta<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gurma<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Ntcham</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></div>
<b>Writing system</b>	Latin (Basari alphabet) <div>Basari Braille</div>
Language codes	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	Either: <div>bud – Ntcham</div> <div>aks – Akaselem</div>
<b>Glottolog</b>	ntch1241 ( <span>http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/ntch1241</span> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

Ntcham Alphabet

<b>Majuscules</b>	A	B	C	D	EE	F	G	GB	I	J	K	KP	L
<b>Minuscules</b>	a	b	c	d	ee	f	g	gb	i	j	k	kp	l
<b>Majuscules</b>	M	N	NY	Ɔ	ƆM	OO	ɔ	P	S	T	U	W	Y
<b>Minuscules</b>	m	n	ny	ɲ	ɲm	oo	ɔ	p	s	t	u	w	y

Long vowels are indicated by doubling the letter <aa, ii, ɔɔ, uu> and two vowels are always long <ee, oo>. The tones are represented by acute accents for high tone and grave accents for low tone, on the vowels and the consonants m, n, b, l : <ṁ, ṅ, ḃ, ḷ>, <ṁ, ṅ, ḃ, ḷ>.

## References

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